



# THE PENNANT



The 'Acient Mariners' on their way to Broken Bay

*Terry Dorrough May 16 2014*

## May 2014



## HAWKESBURY RIVER YACHT CLUB INC

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### Club merchandise

Embroidered cap/shirt badges	Small \$3.00 Large \$5.00
Club burgee	\$10.00

### Next committee meeting

June 11 2014 - 19:00 hrs  
Address to be advised  
All members welcome

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### Commodore's Report - May

Congratulations to *Jeanie* for winning the Commodore's Trophy in such impressive style! PS10 was by all accounts a beautiful day to be sailing on the Hawkesbury, and *Mij'a* did an excellent job to win the race. However, *Jeanie's* lead in the series was unassailable, as she has sailed fast and consistently all season.

The great news this month is the arrival of *Lollipop II* in her new home. We all owe a debt of thanks to John Neef, Mark Raymond and Ed who "sailed" her up the coast from Castle Cove, and to Cliff and Terry who kept them company on *Eikon*. Now the big debate will start about colour schemes, logo designs and signage!

After a great deal of discussion and deep thought, the committee have revised the membership structure and fee structure for the next financial year. We hope the new structure will be more transparent, as well as being more flexible. For example, it is now clearer what happens if a member owns more than one boat. The new structure also aims to distribute the cost of running the Club more equitably amongst the different categories of member. Unfortunately the fees have had to rise, and even the new levels are not sufficient to prevent the Club's bank balance from diminishing over time. So our next challenge will be to either increase our membership base substantially, or build in a yearly increment to the fees until we are back to a small surplus.

The new structure, and fees for 2014 – 15 is as follows:

- **Sailing member** (\$80). This covers anyone who wants to sail, whether as crew or as boat owner. It will include a YNSW Silver card.
- **Boat registration** (\$50). Boats registered with the Club will be allowed to take part in social events and fly the Club burgee.
- **Racing Fee** (\$130). Payment of this fee allows boats registered with the Club to compete in all races and win both event and series trophies.
- **One-off race fee** (\$20). Payment of this fee allows boats registered with the Club to compete in a specific race and win a line honours trophy for that race.
- **Social member** (\$20). This allows a member to be a part of the Club, but no Silver Card will be issued.
- **Junior member** (\$45). This is available to anyone under the age of 18 who wishes to sail. A YNSW Silver Card will be issued.

The new membership forms will be on the website shortly.

Don't forget the Annual General Meeting of our Club at 11 am on Saturday 5 July at the Asquith Bowling Club. After the meeting, members are encouraged to head on down to the char grill and bistro for lunch and perhaps a beer or two. Many of the key members of the HRYC Management Committee will be stepping down, so now is a great time to consider nominating for these positions. The Club cannot function without its committee, and serving as a club official or committee member is both enjoyable and rewarding.

John Storey  
Commodore

## Commodore's Trophy Race PS10

May 17 2014

The last race of another season! Looking at the records on the Club's website, the 21<sup>st</sup> we have staged. Not bad, particularly considering the problems the club has had over the last few years. Without a doubt a good excuse for a party – maybe the one planned for the 31 May will be extra special!

I'm afraid I can't tell you a lot about PS10 – who was where and when, the problems they



had, and so on. Having agreed (or so I thought!) with the crews of *Jeanie* and *Mij'a*, that they would both write reports, I got on with sailing. Pity they didn't arrive. If you'll allow me a brief whinge: if WE want a regular newsletter, WE have to contribute to it. WE aren't many, so everyone has to do their bit. I wouldn't have said that if this wasn't probably the last time I'll write a race report as editor of the Pennant. Over the years many

**The challenges of the start line...** Ed Berti May 17 2014

members of the Club have sent photos, or written a few lines about a race, a social event, or a recent holiday, for publication. Without them the Pennant would have died a death, years ago. It hardly matters what you write about, so long as it is of some interest to members and you get it to the editor before the end of the month. Lee will be going solo as editor from June and she will need all the support you can give her. Please don't let her down.

OK, enough of that. The race! It was a beautiful day, but as eight starters motored around *Lollipop II*, on her first day as committee boat, it wasn't certain that there would be a race at all. There was no breeze and a pretty strong ebb tide. To make matters worse, a houseboat was drifting through the fleet without a care in the world! Prudent sailors positioned themselves well upstream of the start before the 5 minute flag went up. The less thoughtful ones, such as those on *Jeanie*, failed in this respect and crossed the line early. Quite how they



**A relaxed looking crew on *Crossbow*** Ed Berti May 17 2014

managed to execute a 360° penalty turn with no wind - just spinning with the current - and get away with it I don't know. All the dice seem to have fallen their way this season, but I'm sure it's going to get tougher from now on!

After perhaps 20 minutes, a few ripples appeared on the water but it took ages for the light nor'easter to get going. At last we were under way. The larger boats picked it up earlier than the smaller ones and managed to start moving towards the easterly mark – Course G had been signaled. This left the smaller boats in the doldrums for a while, but not for long. Soon the whole fleet was moving at 2 to 3 knots, with *Crossbow* and *All Our Girls* pulling away from the rest of us. On *Blythe Spirit* we chose to stick in the middle of the river once we'd rounded Juno Point. Behind us the rest of the fleet was pretty much in the middle of Cowan Creek and heading for the eastern shore.

*All Our Girls* and *Crossbow* were playing tag as they rounded the first mark and they spent the rest of the afternoon like that, each taking the lead from time to time. We were in no man's land between them and the rest of the fleet, which seemed to be closing on us



rapidly. Spinnakers went up as boats rounded the east mark, but the wind was very light. We were catching up to the leaders, but the rest of the fleet were closing on us. The leg to the north mark was slow, but we never lost way, and finally rounded it to find that *Crossbow* and *All Our Girls* were just about to round the east mark for the second time. *All Our Girls* ran up her spinnaker again and headed for the finish but we couldn't be sure what had happened to *Crossbow*. It seemed she had a problem because instead of the spinnaker going up, she seemed to stall near the mark. It was only when we got closer we realised the Rear Commodore had shortened the race and it would all be over once we got to the east mark for the second time.

*All our girls - pretty in pink*

*Ed Berti May 17 2014*



Undoubtedly this was the right call, and consistent with the Club rules, but a bit surprising since we had heard nothing over the radio. We did the same as *All Our Girls* and headed for home with the spinnaker up as *Lollipop* arrived to take times. The rest of the fleet struggled back to the east mark as both the breeze and the tide eased off. Unfortunately, without realising the course had been shortened, *Mari Anne* and *Florence* pulled out. This was a pity since they were still very much in the race, but presumably didn't think they would make it all the way back to the finish line.

Congratulations must go to Denis, on *Mij'a*, not only for a good win after a long spell in the wilderness but also for beating *Jeanie* on handicap. That takes nothing away from *Jeanie*, whose crew has sailed well and in every race of the season. They didn't need second place to carry away the Commodore's Cup. They already had it in the bag. Their commitment should be a lesson to us all. Well done guys, but I do hope you get some competition next season!

Tony Phillips  
Blythe Spirit



*Jeannie and Mari Anne drifting ahead of Blythe Spirit at the race start*

*Ed Berti May 17 2014*

### Lollipop II (LOL II)... and the Boys big day out!



*Eikon* and *LOL II* at Barrenjoey

L. Malone 16.5.14

Well, it's official, HRYC has its first start boat and she's now here at her home base in the Hawkesbury. Most of the thanks for this small miracle must go to our Rear Commodore, Cliff Sutton. The idea of buying a start boat had been floating in the ether for some time, but it was Cliff (who I suspect like many of us, spends a lot of time looking at *Boatpoint*), who lead the charge in sourcing, buying and then making the vessel sea-ready for the trip to the Hawkesbury.

The boat, a *Kingston 580*, is a nineteen foot runabout with a 32 HP *Sole* diesel engine. She's been named *Lollipop II* (well for the moment), or *LOL II* as Terry Dorrrough likes to call her. Cliff and John Neef spent days getting her up to scratch, and then doing shakedown trials in Middle Harbour; one suspects that this latter part was a tough gig for the lads though!

She was brought up the coast on Friday May 16th, the trip home starting early for her crew - John Neef, Mark Raymond and Ed Levy who left Castle Cove at 0830. Somewhat earlier I suspect, Cliff and Terry left Parsley Bay on *Eikon* to meet up with the boys at North Head, and then shepherd them back to Broken Bay. The weather was brilliant, lots of sunshine, and little wind or swell; just what you need for a boys day out. They had a fast run up the coast, arriving at Barrenjoey just before noon to be welcomed by the crew of *Star of the*

*Sea*, who were having their own girls day out (along with *SotS's* token male). All three boats then met in Refuge Bay for lunch/second lunch and celebratory drinks.



Island.

John, Mark and Ed arrive at Parsley Bay

L. Malone 16.5.14

*LOL II* had her first club outing at the PS10 race on Saturday. She also undertook her first duties as club tender with Ken, one of *Mari Anne's* crew being the inaugural passenger. Until a mooring is available in the bay, *LOL II* will be cared for by the Dorrrough family at Dangar

There is still an antifoul and other work to be done at Fenwick's, and once this is complete there will be a coming out party which will make the launching of the *QE II* look like a child's day out in the paddling pool; well, a possible exaggeration, but you can get the gist...

Our heartfelt thanks to Cliff and John, who did the lion's share of the work, and to Mark and Ed who with the assistance of John, braved the ocean waves to deliver her to Brooklyn.

Lee Malone

Mark Raymond has posted a video on YouTube for those who want more of the excitement.  
<http://youtu.be/1K4v0K2Tfmc>

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 **Rumour Has It...** (members news)

### Matches

It has come to our attention that Mark Raymond (*Mari Anne*) recently made a honest woman of his charming partner and sailing mate, Hong Li - or, perhaps it was Hong making an honest man of Mark? It is our understanding that the nuptials took place in Sydney, followed by a trip to China - presumably for a family blessing and more celebrations. I'm sure that all of you who know Mark and Hong, will join us in wishing them all the best for the future.

### Dispatches

It has also come to our attention that one of our long standing members, Denis Smith (*Mij'a*), is joining the ranks of the retired, and about to become an honorary landlubber. He'll be moving to Grenfell in July, where one of his daughters currently lives. For those reaching for the tissues, there's no need for alarm, as we're informed he'll be back to join us for the monthly point score races. We wish Denis all the best, and look forward to hearing how country life is treating him.

Please note there is no intentional bias toward Top Hat owners in this section; we're happy to print rumours about the crews of all yacht types in the club. We're also happy to retract, or correct any errors in the said section...

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# HAWKESBURY RIVER YACHT CLUB

Date **17/05/2014**

Event **PS10**

Course **E shortened**



Yacht	Sail No	Start	Finish	Race	Adjustment	Adjusted	Rating	H'cap	Penalty	Corrected	H'cap	Starter	Line	Points	Points	Points	Handicap		
		<i>hh:mm</i>	<i>hh:mm:ss</i>	<i>h:mm:ss</i>	<i>h:mm:ss</i>	<i>h:mm:ss</i>		<b>Current</b>	<i>h:mm:ss</i>	<i>h:mm:ss</i>	<b>Place</b>		<b>Honours</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>Added</b>	<b>Series</b>	<b>New</b>		
																		Hcp lock?	
				<b>2:19:47</b>	= Trimmed Average Race Time														<b>off</b>
All Our Girls	5201	12:30:00	14:35:00	2:05:00		2:05:00	1.1182	1.2863		2:40:47	5		2	5	6	11		1.2606	
Blythe Spirit	1362	12:30:00	14:47:25	2:17:25		2:17:25	1.0172	1.0782		2:28:10	3		3	36	8	44		1.0566	
Crossbow	A116	12:30:00	14:33:00	2:03:00		2:03:00	1.1364	1.3818		2:49:58	6		1	4	5	9		1.3542	
Dancelot														3		3			
Dreamtime	117							0.9423						0		0		0.9423	
Eikon	3701							1.1000						0		0		1.1000	
Enchantress	7825							0.9716						12		12		0.9716	
First Light	4580							1.1857						21		21		1.1857	
Florence	469	12:30:00						0.9099					DNF	21	3	24		0.9099	
Hang Ten	MH303							1.4385						0		0		1.4385	
Inspiration														0		0			
Jeanie	NH8	12:30:00	14:59:40	2:29:40		2:29:40	0.9339	0.9274		2:18:48	2		5	59	9	68		0.9307	
Mari Anne		12:30:00						0.9125					DNF	30	3	33		0.9125	
Mij'a	2969	12:30:00	15:05:10	2:35:10		2:35:10	0.9008	0.8866		2:17:34	1		6	16	10	26		0.8937	
Pachelbel														0		0			
Riptide	60													17		17			
Sooty Petrel	120							0.9700						25		25		0.9700	
Star of the Sea	5449	12:30:00	14:58:25	2:28:25		2:28:25	0.9418	1.0599		2:37:18	4		4	40	7	47		1.0387	

# HAWKESBURY RIVER YACHT CLUB

## 2013 / 2014 Point Score - Drop 2 Results



Place	Yacht Name	Drop 2	PS 1	PS 2	PS 3	PS 4	PS 5	PS 6	PS 7	PS 8	PS 9	PS 10		Total	lowest	2nd lowest	Total dropped
11	All Our Girls	11								Q1	5	6		11	0	0	0
3	Blythe Spirit	44	7	5		5	5	7			7	8		44	0	0	0
12	Crossbow	9							Q1	Q2	4	5		9	0	0	0
	Dancelot	3						3						3	0	0	0
	Dreamtime	0								Q1				0	0	0	0
	Eikon	0							Q2					0	0	0	0
10	Enchantress	12		6				6		Q3				12	0	0	0
8	First Light	21	9	7	5									21	0	0	0
7	Florence	24	5						3	7	6	3		24	0	0	0
	Hang Ten	0								Q1				0	0	0	0
	Inspiration	0		GST										0	0	0	0
1	Jeanie	60	6	8	6	4	7	9	4	5	10	9		68	4	4	8
4	Mari Anne	33	8		3	3	3			4	9	3		33	0	0	0
5	Mij'a	26	3	3				4		3	3	10		26	0	0	0
	Pachelbel	0												0	0	0	0
9	Riptide	17	4	9	4									17	0	0	0
6	Sooty Petrel	25	Strtr	10		6	4	5						25	0	0	0
2	Star of the Sea	47			7		6	8	5	6	8	7		47	0	0	0

Calendar of Events 2014-2015 (Note: Draft from August 2014)					
Month	Day	Date	Events for 2014/15	Time	Comment
June 2014	Sun	8	Sunday Point Score Race 9	1230	
	Sat	21	Winter Series Race 1	1230	
July 2014	Sat	5	Annual General Meeting	1100	Asquith Bowling Club
	Sat	19	Winter Series Race 2	1230	Draft
August 2014	Sat	2	Winter Series Race 3	1230	Draft
	Sat	16	Sunday Point Score Race 1 Spring Series Race 1	1230	Draft
September 2014	Sat	6	Spring Series Race 2	1230	Draft
	Sat	20	Seasons Point Score Race 2 Spring Series Race 3	1230	Draft
October 2014	Sat	4	Spring Series Race 4	1230	Daylight saving starts October 5
	Sat	18	Seasons Point Score Race 3 Spring Series Race 5	1330	Draft
November 2014	Sat	1	Rhumb Race	TBA	Draft
	Sat	8	BBIC Race 1	TBA	Draft
	Sat	15	Seasons Point Score Race 4	1330	Draft
December 2014	Sat	6	Social Sail/Cruise/Rally	TBA	Draft
	Sat	13	BBIC Race 2	TBA	Draft
	Sat	20	Seasons Point Score Race 5	1330	Draft
January 2015	Sat	4	Social Sail/Cruise/Rally	TBA	Draft
	Sat	18	Seasons Point Score Race 6	1330	Draft
February 2015	Sat	7	Three Island Race	TBA	Draft
	Sat	14	BBIC Race 3	TBA	Draft
	Sat	21	Seasons Point Score Race 7	1330	Draft
March 2015	Sat	7	Social Sail/Cruise/Rally	TBA	Draft
	Sat	14	BBIC Race 4	TBA	Draft
	Sat	21	Seasons Point Score Race 8	1330	Draft
April 2015	Sat	4	Crews Race	TBA	Draft
	Sat	18	Seasons Point Score Race 9	1230	Daylight saving ends April 5
May 2015	Sat	2	Social Sail/Cruise/Rally	TBA	Draft
	Sat	16	Seasons Point Score Race 10	1230	Draft

## Keep the date...



**What** **Any Port in a Storm** HRYC Landlocked Literary Dinner

**When** Saturday May 31, at 6:30pm

**Where** Port Braybrooks  
239 Pebbly Hill Road, Cattai

**AGM  
2014**

**What** **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

**When** Saturday July 5, 2014, at 11am

**Where** Asquith Bowling Club  
1 Lodge Street, Hornsby (Phone 9477 1364)

**Lunch** The Club's bistro is available for lunch after the meeting. Members are welcome to stay, but unlike previous AGM's, lunch will not be subsidised by the HRYC (humble apologies...)

<http://content.asquithbowlingclub.com.au/dining/restaurant-menu>